

## **Minutes of the Combined Health & Human Services Board & Committee**

**Thursday, September 16, 2010**

Chairs Brandtjen and Farrell called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

**Committee Members Present:** Supervisors Janel Brandtjen (Chair), Jim Jeskewitz, Gilbert Yerke, Pauline Jaske, and Mike Inda. Peter Wolff arrived at 1:03 p.m. and Kathleen Cummings at 1:05 p.m. Wolff left the meeting at 3:42 p.m.

**Board Members Present:** Citizen Members Dennis Farrell (Chair), Joe Vitale, Michael O'Brien, Flor Gonzalez, Dr. Peter Geiss, and JoAnn Weidmann. Supervisors Duane Paulson, Janel Brandtjen, Jim Jeskewitz, and Paul Decker. Geiss left the meeting at 3:10 p.m. and Decker left at 3:42 p.m.

**Also Present:** Legislative Policy Advisor Sarah Spaeth, Health & Human Services Director Peter Schuler, Public Health Manager Nancy Healy-Haney, Public Works Director Allison Bussler, Architectural Services Manager Dennis Cerreta, Clinical Services Manager Mike DeMares, Aging and Disability Resource Center Manager Cathy Bellovary, Senior Services Analyst Barbara Woyak, and Legislative Associate Mary Pedersen.

### **Committee Agenda Items**

#### **Approve Minutes of 8-12-10**

MOTION: Jeskewitz moved, second by Yerke to approve the minutes of August 12. Motion carried 5-0.

Wolff arrived at 1:03 p.m.

#### **Announcements**

Brandtjen announced that the September 30 budget review meeting will start at 8:30 a.m. and last through the afternoon. The October 1 budget review meeting will also start at 8:30 a.m. but should end before lunch unless budget reviews go over their estimated time allotment or there are amendments. If so, the committee may need to return after a lunch break. Both meetings will be held at the Human Services Center in the Board Room.

Cummings arrived at 1:05 p.m.

Due to the County Executive's awards luncheon, the committee and board agreed to change the start time of October 14 combined Health & Human Services meeting to 2:00 p.m.

#### **Review Correspondence**

Copies of an article from the Kenosha News titled "\$1.1 million shortfall possible in county's human services budget" were distributed for informational purposes.

**Future Agenda Items**

- Tour the Waukesha County Juvenile Center (Jaske)
- Presentation on the Juvenile Justice 180 Diversion Program (Jaske)
- Tour the Norris Adolescent Center (Brandtjen)
- Presentation on the BioWatch Program with Epidemiologist Ben Jones (Healy-Haney)

**State Legislative Update**

Spaeth advised she is meeting with other county lobbyists on Wednesday to develop the agenda for next legislative session whereby she welcomed ideas. Brandtjen suggested they address issues with Family Care and Weidmann felt additional funding for Public Health was at a crucial level.

**Board Agenda Items****Approve Minutes of 7-21-10, 7-22-10, and 8-12-10**

MOTION: Decker moved, second by Paulson to approve the minutes of July 21. Motion carried 10-0.

MOTION: Vitale moved, second by Paulson to approve the minutes of July 22. Motion carried 10-0.

MOTION: Paulson moved, second by Jeskewitz to approve the minutes of August 12. Motion carried 10-0.

**Announcements**

Farrell thanked everyone for the cards, letters, and memorials following the death of his wife. He invited everyone in attendance to the memorial service this Saturday at Good Shepherd Church in Menomonee Falls.

**Future Agenda Items**

- Tour Parents Place (Vitale)

**Combined Agenda Items****Update on Public Health**

Healy-Haney advised the Center for Disease Control recently evaluated the division on the County's preparedness program for public health. It is called the City Readiness Initiative which she explained in detail. While results are not yet in, Healy-Haney is confident in their program. Brandtjen asked Healy-Haney to email her the results and she will forward them to the board and committee.

**Update on the Health & Human Services Building Capital Project**

Bussler and Cerreta were present to discuss this item and architectural drawings were distributed. Bussler said the the new building will be located at the current site of the Campus Service Center, making it closer to the County's Juvenile Center. The future Campus Service Center will be relocated south of the new building on the edge of the golf course and it will have restroom facilities available for golfers.

It is unknown at this time what portion, if any, of the current Human Services Building will be demolished. Cerreta said the red brick on the new building will complement the current building. He noted that Public Health will also be located in the new building. It is possible all or a portion of the building will have a green roof which saves energy and extends the life of the roof. However, long-term maintenance issues/costs must first be considered.

Bussler advised that the architect designed the layout so divisions that work closely together are located near each other. Also, records management will be centralized, another common concern among the divisions. Yerke asked if the new building will be large enough as the current square footage is more than what is being proposed. Cerreta said there is a lot of wasted and vacant space in the current building. He believes 134,000 square feet would be adequate which is less than the proposed square footage of the new building. Some committee members felt the cafeteria should be closer to the staging/receiving area. Bussler noted that the design has not yet been finalized.

Bussler said they made an effort to have as much natural light filter inside as possible to as many employees as possible. Windows will not be operable. The heating/cooling system will be geo-thermal, taking advantage of the golf course water table. Bussler noted this is a more costly unit and the return on investment will occur in 17 years.

Cerreta indicated the new Campus Service Center will need to be built first. Work on the new Human Services Building is expected to start in the spring of 2012 and finish in the spring of 2014 at an estimated cost of \$26.8 million. Bussler said she will update the committee/board on the final design plan next spring and there may be a budget update at that time as well.

#### **Statistic of the Month: Mental Health Clinic Pharmaceutical Patient Assistance Program**

DeMares discussed his handout titled "Statistic of the Month: Mental Health Clinic Pharmaceutical Patient Assistance Program." DeMares said this program is part of the Mental Health Clinic and involves helping individuals who do not have insurance with their medications. In some instances, they are able to garner samples from the pharmaceutical companies. However, the majority of the program helps people apply for pharmaceutical patient assistance which is run by pharmaceutical companies where individuals can receive free medications. Once approved, medications are sent to the Mental Health Clinic via courier and distributed by registered nurses and doctors as needed. DeMares said last year, clinic patients received \$971,751 in free drugs and so far in 2010, that figure is \$846,036. Schuler said if not for the program, the department would have to come up with the funds.

Geiss left the meeting at 3:10 p.m.

#### **Amended Budget for the County Aging Unit Plan**

Bellovary and Woyak discussed the amended 2011 budget as it relates to the County Aging Unit Plan which includes the following programs: Congregate Meals, Home Delivered Meals, Supportive Services, Nutrition Services Incentives, Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Services, Family Caregiver Support, State Alzheimer's Family and Caregiver Support, State Elderly Benefit Services, State Elder Abuse Direct Services, and State Senior Community Services.

Woyak advised these are three-year plans (using ongoing federal grants) and the financials change during the year. In 2011, they will receive \$8,000 less than the 2010 final allocation. They are continuing current programs and this budget is not much different than last year. Woyak went on to review each program line item as outlined in their handout. Brandtjen asked for comparisons from the year prior to which Woyak said she would provide those figures.

Bellovary said efforts are being made across the state and across the country to ensure adequate funding from Washington, particularly in areas such as elder abuse and nutrition programs. These are areas where counties are really in need of more money.

MOTION: Yerke moved, second by Cummings to approve the amended budget for the County Aging Unit Plan. Motion carried 7-0.

#### **Update on the Marsh Country Consortium**

Paulson, a consortium board member, said they reviewed the budget at the recent annual meeting and they toured the facility. He noted they are also building a new facility. The consortium consists of Grant, Adams, Columbia, Green, Iowa, Jefferson, Marinette, Ozaukee, Sauk and Waukesha counties. Bellovary noted she is also a member of the board and Brandtjen will become a future member. Waukesha County currently has 25 clients at the Dodge County-based facility. She said if not for this facility, it would be very difficult to place these individuals. The consortium was developed as a cost saving measure for mental health services which Schuler explained in detail.

Wolff and Decker left the meeting at 3:42 p.m.

Bellovary and Paulson spoke very highly of the facility and said patients are getting wonderful care for the money. Bellovary said she has spoken with family members who are also very happy with the facility. The facility is specialized with separate units for brain trauma, behavioral health, Alzheimer's, etc.

MOTION: Vitale moved, second by Jeskewitz to adjourn the board meeting at 3:46 p.m. Motion carried 8-0.

MOTION: Yerke moved, second by Cummings to adjourn the committee meeting at 3:46 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Minutes recorded by Mary Pedersen

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